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Teaching Family Homes Of Upper Michigan Land Acquisition
Legislation Sent To Governor
Family Intervention Center & Recreation Trails To Be Developed On 40-Acre Parcel

LANSING – Legislation introduced this spring by Sen. Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) that will allow the State Administrative Board to enter into an agreement with Marquette County to sell a 40-acre parcel in Sands Township to the Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan for \$1 has been passed by the House of Representatives and is on its way to the Governor's desk for her signature.

"The kids under the care of Teaching Family Homes are now one step closer to having a new home where they can find help and guidance in dealing with both crisis situations and everyday living," Prusi said. "I also appreciate the efforts of House Leadership in moving this valuable piece of legislation to Governor Granholm for her signature."

The land will be developed by Teaching Family Homes to include residential and rehabilitative services for minors and their families, facilitating self-sufficiency, self-esteem and skill development with the goal of integrating students back into their homes. The parcel will also include public access to recreational hiking and bicycling trails for the local community to enjoy.

"On behalf of our organization, I would like to thank Senator Mike Prusi for his hard work and compassion, which will have a long-term impact on the Upper Peninsula children and families we serve." Christine Myers, CEO of Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan.

Teaching Family Homes is a private, non-profit organization that cares for troubled children and families in crisis. During the past two decades, it has become the largest child welfare organization in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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Mike Prusi serves as Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.

Editor's Note: Sen. Prusi's most recent photo is available for download; please visit his web site at: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/dem/Graphics/pressphotos/SD38PrusiPortrait.jpg>

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